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HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

June 27, 2000

To: Walter J. Ballesteros
Right of Way Agent

From: Frank D. Boston, Jr. *FDB*

Re: Bush Valley Landfill Super Fund Site
Tessa Tripp and Reverend Willie Tripp
4102 Barrington Road, Baltimore, MD 21202

Pursuant to a request from Harford County Executive James Harkins, I am documenting the following.

On June 21, 2000 I called and spoke to Tessa Tripp, the owner of the Bush Valley Landfill Super Fund Site, to schedule an appointment to meet with her concerning the permanent easement and access to the landfill. She informed me that she would speak to her husband, Reverend Willie Tripp, and he would contact me. He did in fact call me at my office and left messages on my voicemail to contact him.

On Friday, June 23, 2000 I went to the home/business address of Tessa and Reverend Willie Tripp at 4102 Barrington Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Reverend Willie Tripp advised me to meet him at 1:00 p.m. that day at the McDonald's restaurant on Northern Parkway and Wabash Avenue. The 1:00 p.m. meeting was attended by Tessa and Reverend Willie Tripp, their children and myself. At the meeting I presented verbally to the Tripps the County's counter offer, assuring them of some form of indemnification. The County would pay the Tripps \$3000.00 to cover any inconvenience that they had experienced. I further explained that Reverend Tripp could have his name placed on a list with the minority contractors for consideration if a situation called for minority involvement. Reverend Tripp stated that the whole proposal was an insult to him and he wanted indemnification forever, including past, present and future and the same assurances for anyone purchasing the land.

The five million dollars that he had previously spoken of was now being increased to 10 million, and he wanted the County to purchase the 29 acres. In addition to the 10 million dollars, the cost per acre would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 per acre. His final demand was that his business be designated the minority supplier for the contractor that would do the work at the landfill.

cc: A. Frank Carven, III, Esquire, County Attorney
James M. Harkins, County Executive
Lucy Slaich, Director of Procurement

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